

EMBARKATION

On June 7, 1919, at 8:40 a. m. the Company with the rest of the Third Battalion marched off at attention to the port, arriving at 10 a. m. After being served chocolate and cookies by the Y. M. C. A., boarded U. S. S. Martha Washington at 10:30 a. m., an Austrian liner converted into an American transport. Sailed out of Dock 3, St. Nazaire, at 12 noon. Here great crowds of French and Americans yelled and waved a farewell as the ship calmly pushed out toward the ocean. On board was the 324th Infantry, 161st Brigade Headquarters, sanitary detachments, several casual companies and the "Y" ladies of the 324th Regiment. "K" Company occupied a part of F deck. Conditions were very much crowded but no one complained as they were homeward bound. The journey home was more eventful than the one going over, although most of the time the sea was smooth and beautiful. There was not much seasickness, but several fogs and storms were encountered, and on June 10, at dark, a floating mine was passed. The ship circled around, threw off several red flags and tried to destroy the mine with machine gun and rifle fire but failed to locate it again.

ARRIVAL

At 10 a. m., June 18, 1919, the coast of U. S. A. was sighted at Charleston, South Carolina. The ship sailed up the river past Charleston and reached dock 49 at 2 p. m., same date. Thus ended a journey of eleven long days and 3,600 long miles, and needless to